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MEMORANDUM FOR: Special Support Assistant (DDS)
Assistant to DDI (Administration)
Comptroller
Office of General Counsel
Director of Communications

FROM: Director of Personnel

SUBJECT: Proposed Increase in Transfer Allowance Rates

1. The Department of State has submitted a proposal to the Congress that transfer allowance payments be authorized for each PCS transfer of an employee overseas, regardless of climatic zone, and that the amounts currently paid for an inter-zone transfer be increased. The proposed increase is based upon two surveys made by the State Department in 1947 and 1955-56. Both surveys revealed wide disparities in personal expenditures, with average costs in 1947 of \$570 and in 1955-56 of \$508. The lower average costs in the recent survey are attributable to more severe editing of reported costs.

2. The payment table presented below shows the minimum payments which the Department of State expects to authorize as of July 1, 1956.

Size of Family	Intra-Zone Transfer	Inter-Zone Transfer
Single	\$75	\$125
Married	\$125	\$200
Married with children	\$150	\$250

3. Since the reaction of the Congress to State's proposal will probably affect the amount of the increases in the transfer rates, you will be informed from time to time of the status of the proposed rate increase. For those interested in an analysis of transfer costs a copy of the justification for the increased payments submitted to Congress by the State Department is available in the Office of Personnel, Contract Personnel Division.

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